

Development of Operating Buildings, PV-Electrolysis Facilities & Safety Technology

**German-Saudi Arabian Joint Project HYSOLAR (HYdrogen from SOLAR Energy)
1986 – 1995**

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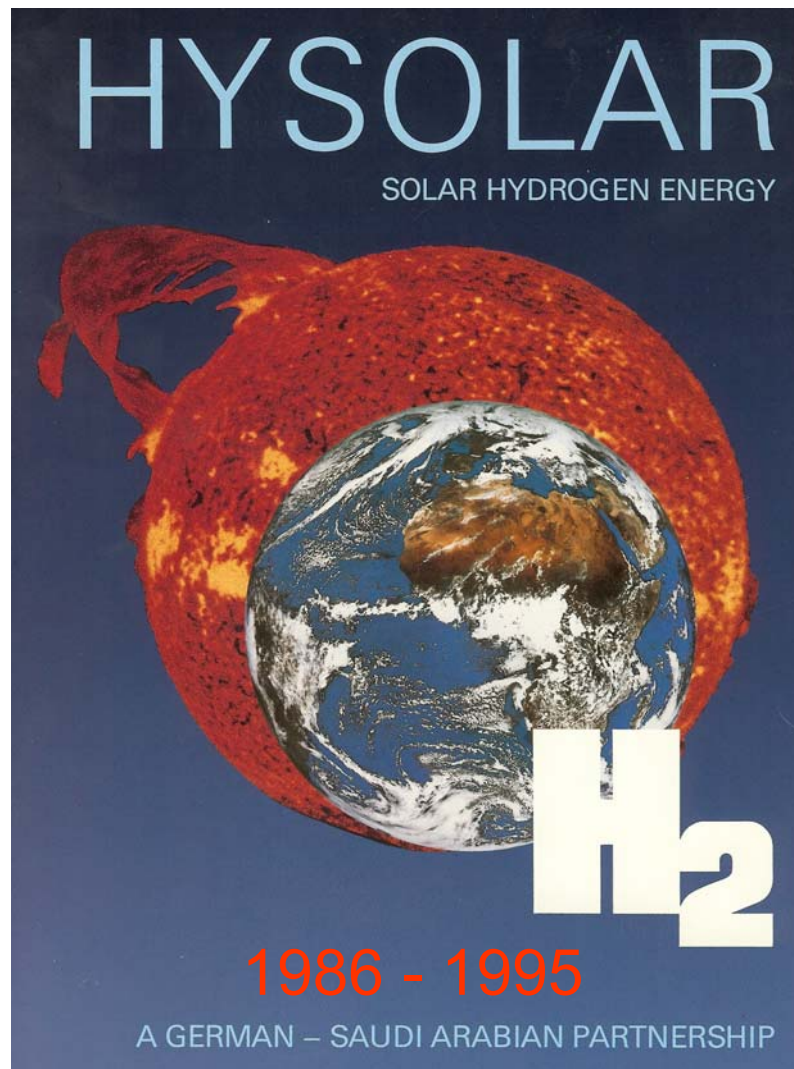
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- Short introduction to the HYSOLAR project
- Test- and production demonstration facilities
- Conceptual system and electrolysis block variants
- Experimental and regular operation
- Important results
- Improvement potentials

Project Hysolar: Mission & Partners



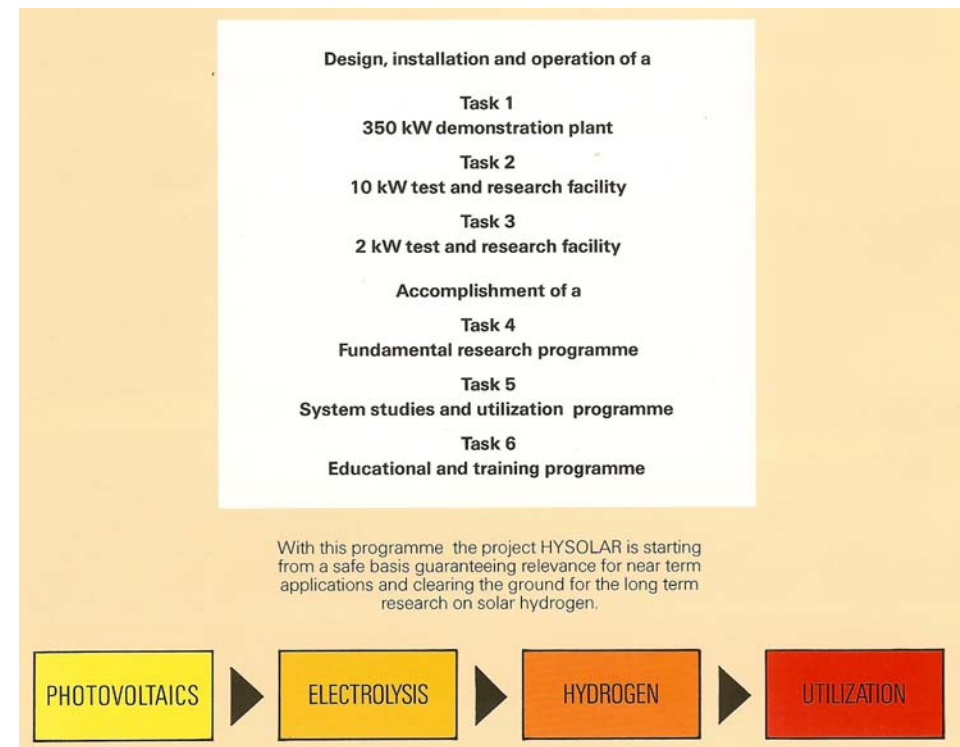
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SOLAR HYDROGEN PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION
A COOPERATION IN RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION

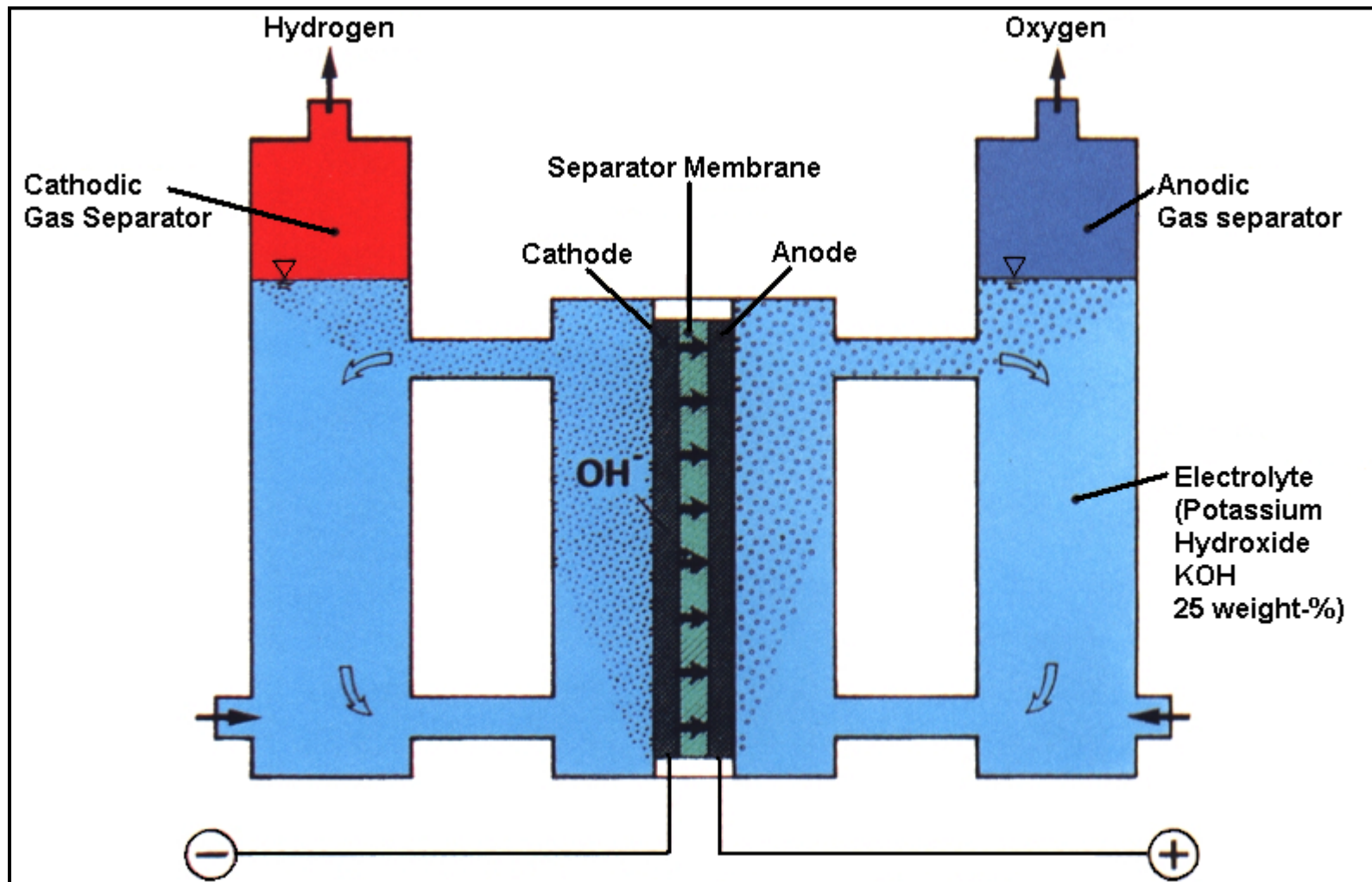


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Project Financing & Working Packages

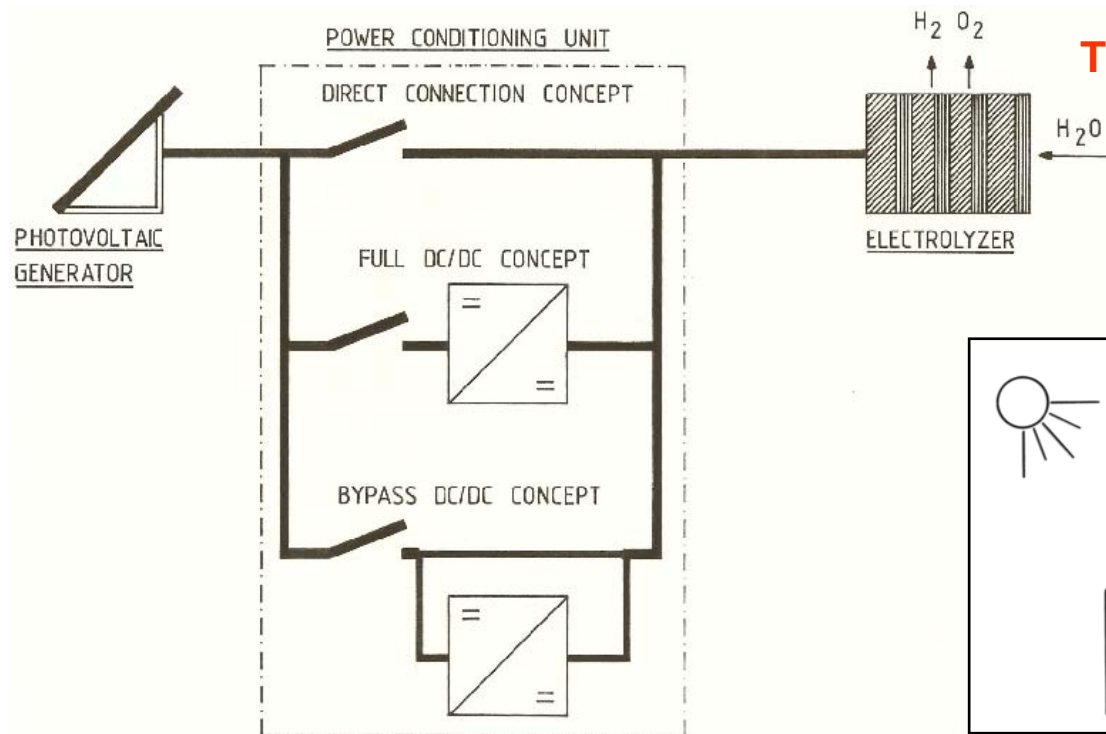


Functional Principle of an Alkaline Electrolysis Cell

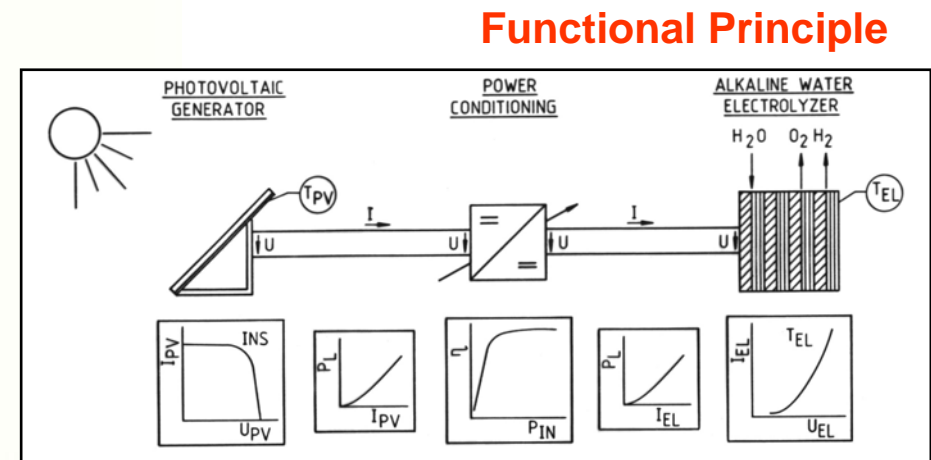


Coupling of energy converters

- Development and use of a test and data evaluation standard
- Long-term examination of coupling behaviour of a PV-electrolysis system



Technical Principle



Functional Principle

Experimental system setup in the HYSOLAR project

Examination and evaluation of different coupling principles between photovoltaics and electrolysis



PV-Electrolysis-Plants of the Project

RIYADH

JEDDAH

STUTTGART



**350/500kW Solar-hydrogen
production demonstration plant**

Demonstration operation

1993 - 2000



**10kW Solar hydrogen
research and development facility**

Experimental operation

1987 - 2004



**3kW Solar hydrogen
test facility**

Test operation

1989 - 1995

Electrolysis Facilities of the Project

$P = 2 - 350 / 500 \text{ kW}$, $p = 1 - 10 \text{ bar}_{\text{abs}}$, $T = 40 - 95^\circ \text{C}$

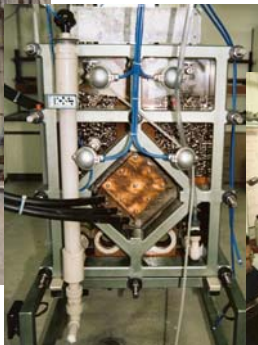
(1) Research/ Test systems



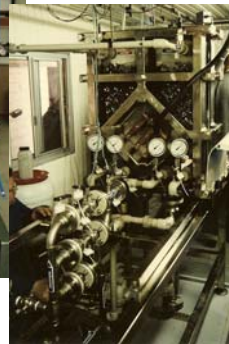
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Original Deliverer
HYDROTECHNIK

3 / 2kW



HT/DLR



HT/
DLR



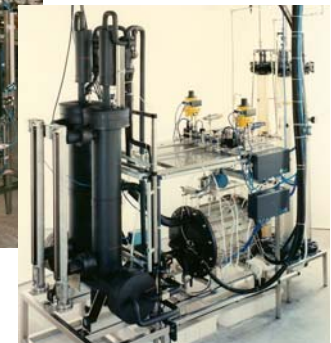
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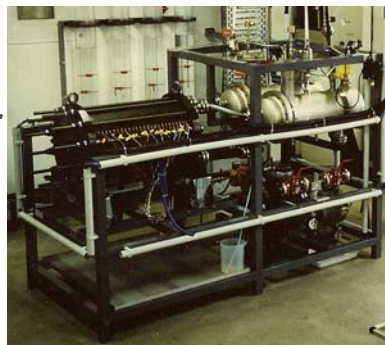
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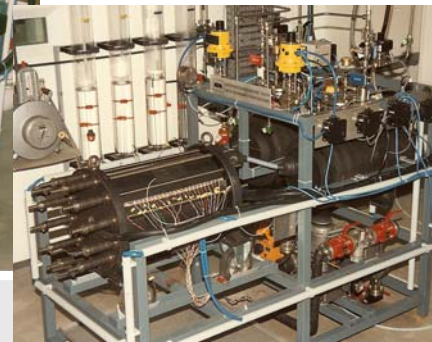
Original Deliverer

FZ JÜLICH

10kW



FZJ/DLR



FZJ/DLR

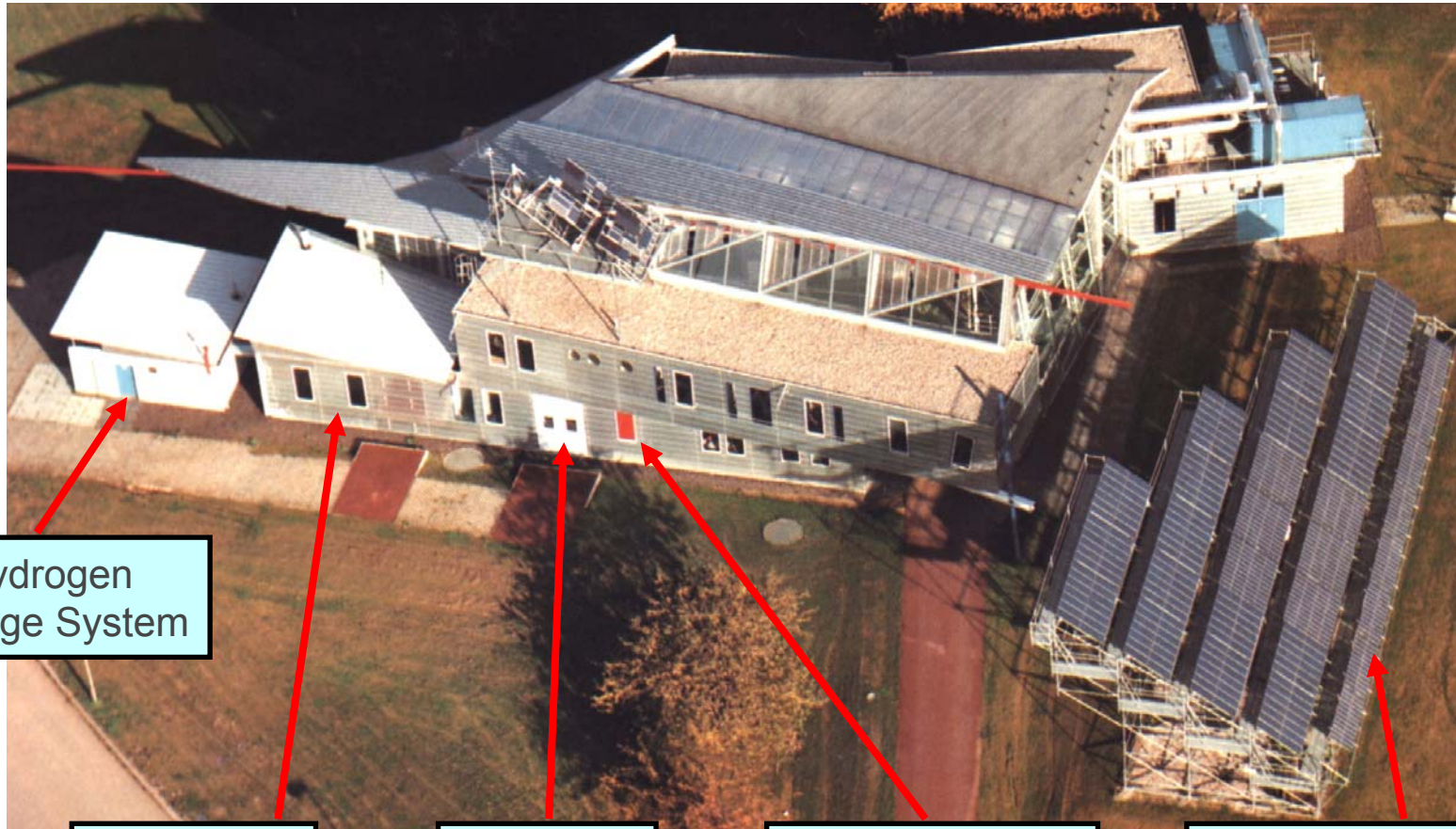


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10 kW_N Photovoltaic-Electrolysis Facility in the HYSOLAR Building



Hydrogen
Storage System

Electrolysis
Equipment

Operation
Control

Data Acquisition
and Evaluation

PV-field
14,3 kW_p / 10 kW_N

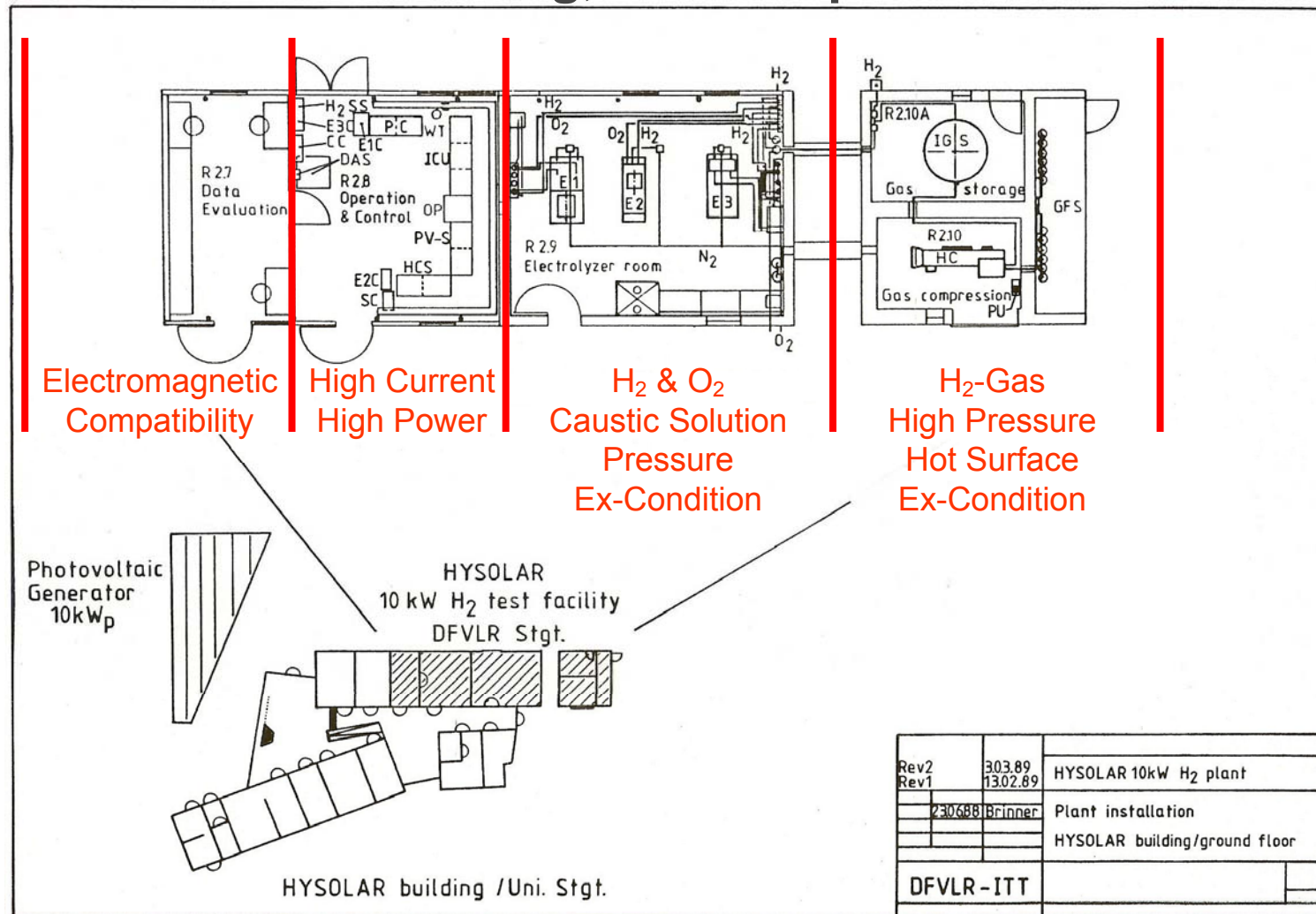


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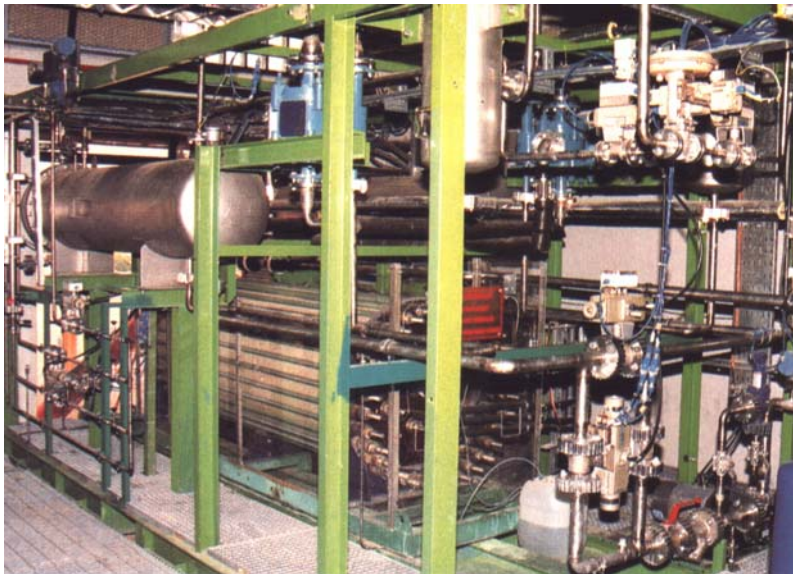
10 kW_N Photovoltaic-Electrolysis Facility in the HYSOLAR Building, Main Requirements for Concept



Electrolysis Plant of the Project

$P = 2 - 350/500\text{kW}$, $p = 1 - 10\text{bar}_{\text{abs}}$, $T = 40 - 95^\circ\text{C}$

(2) Produktion demonstration



**350/500 kW pressure electrolysis plant
approved by TUEV,
in operating condition**



5000cm²- block V.1

Not accepted

5000cm²- Block V.2

Not accepted



2500cm²- Block V.3

**Accepted and
approved**



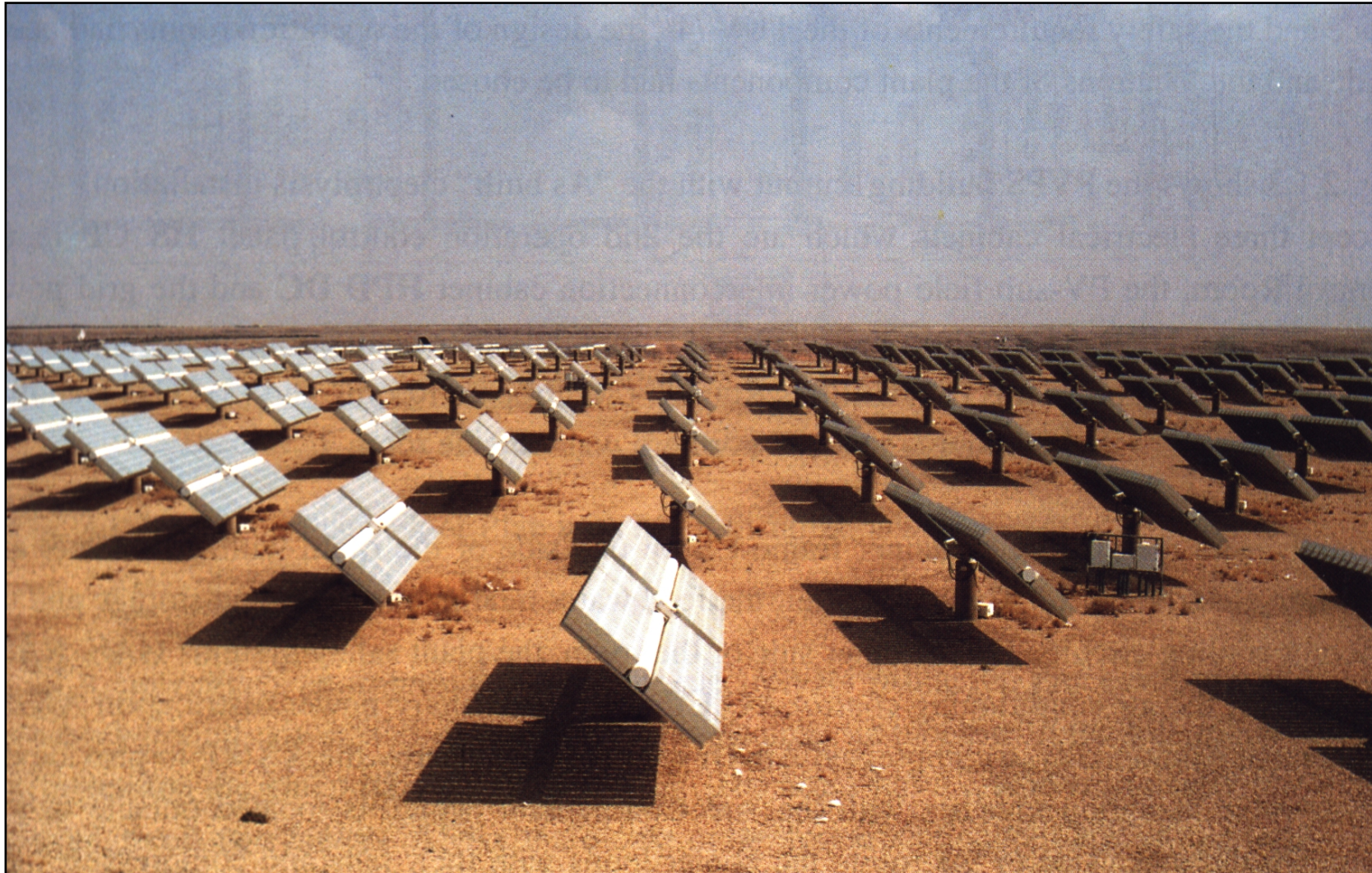
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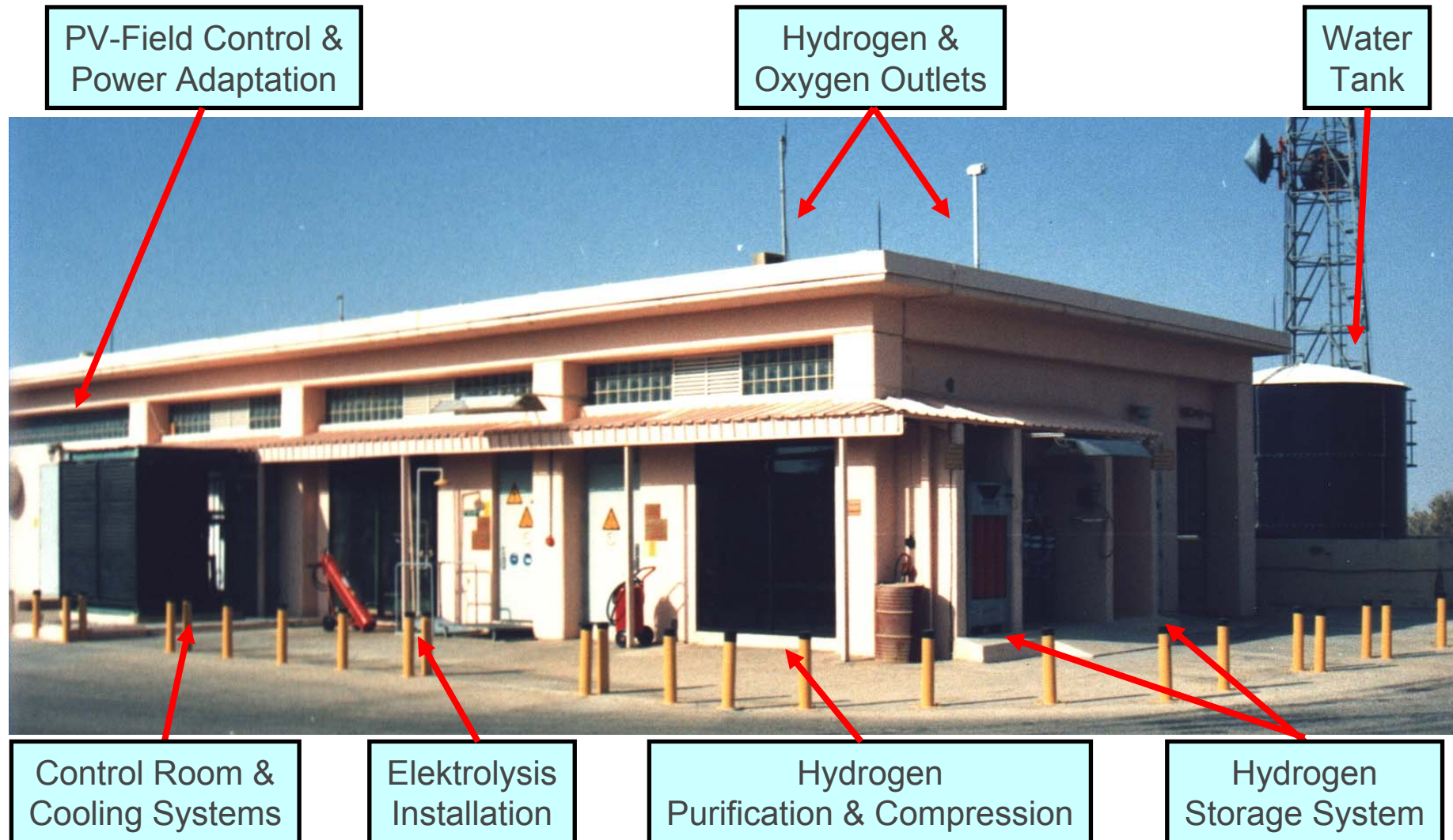


350 kW_p PV-Field of KACST in Riyadh for H₂-Production

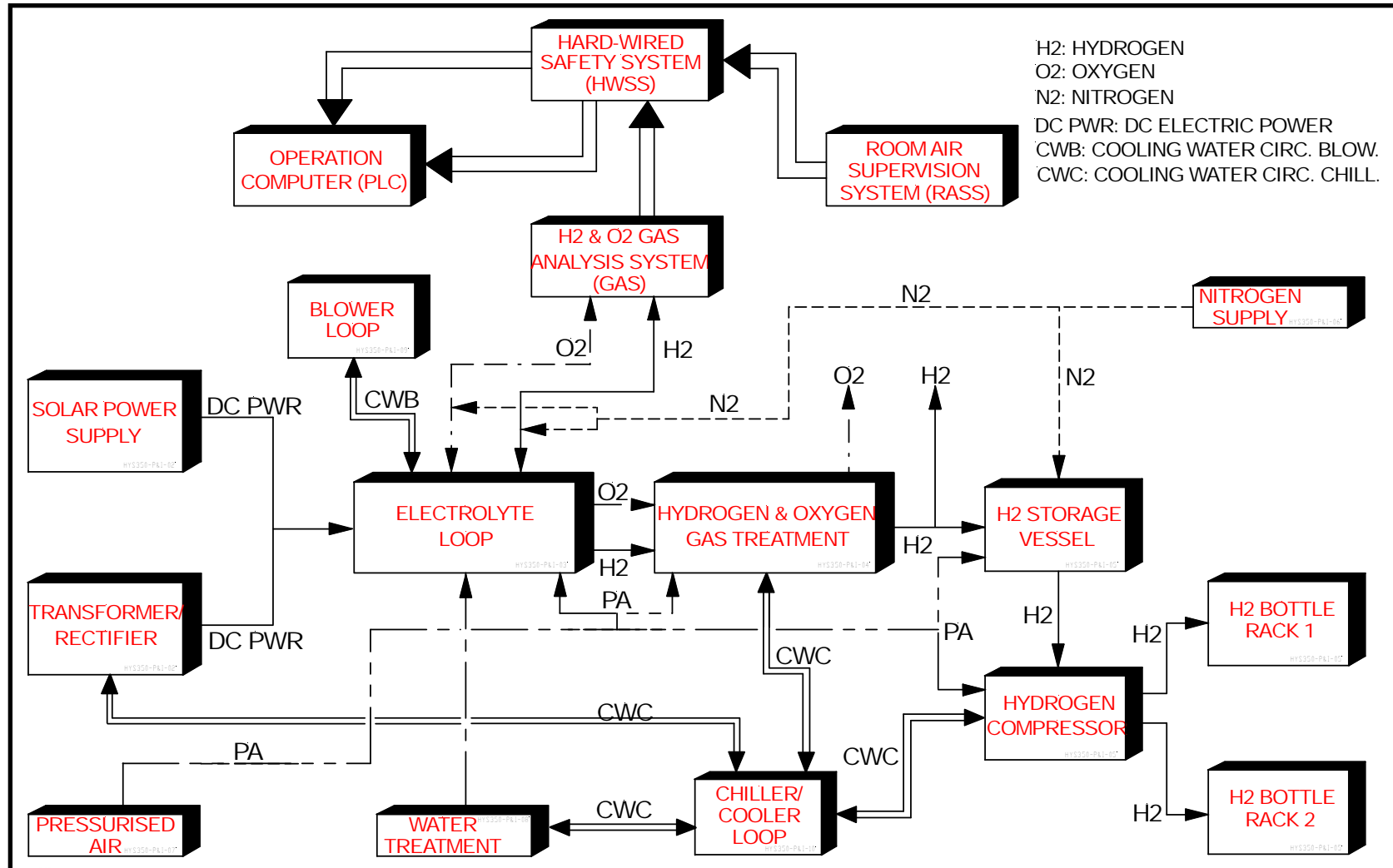




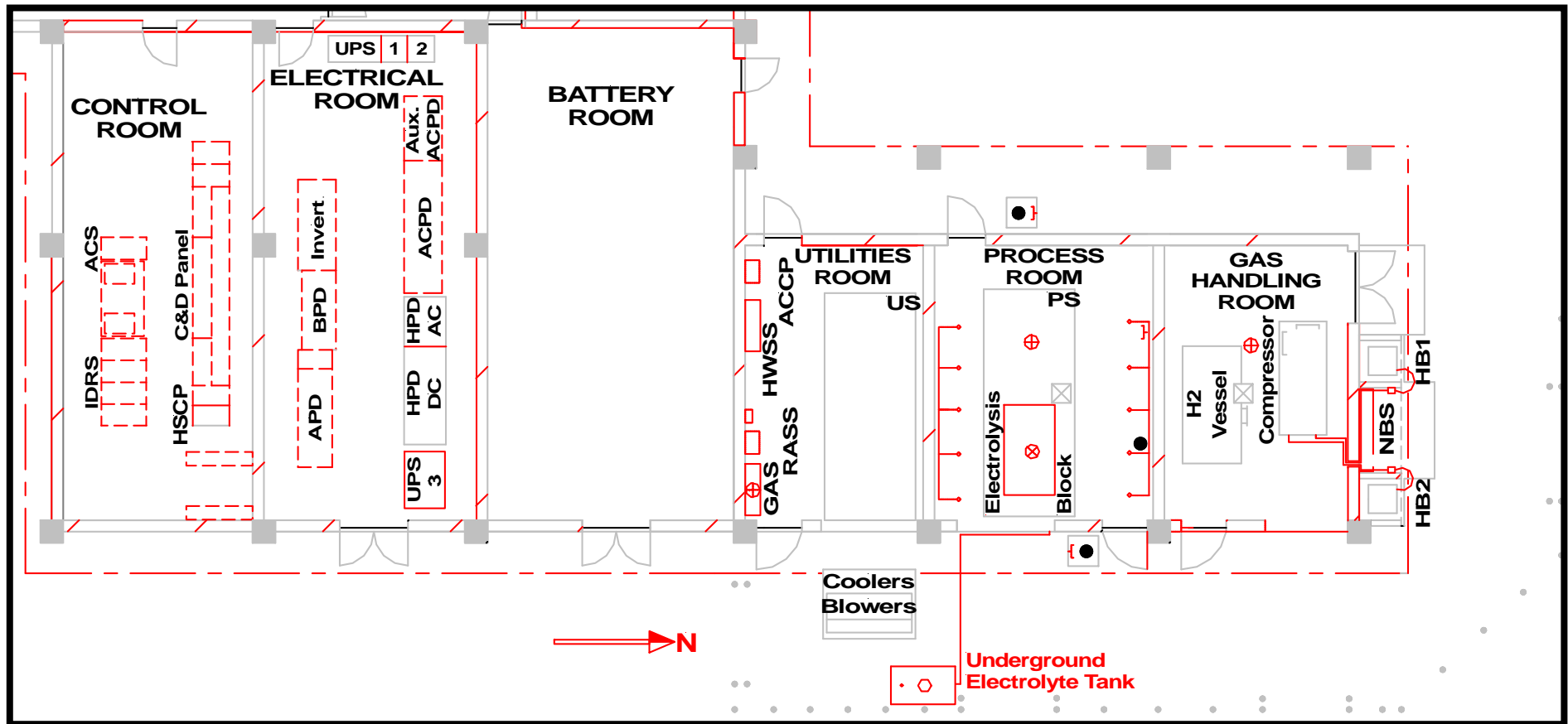
Facility Building of the 350 kW_p Photovoltaic Elektrolysis Plant



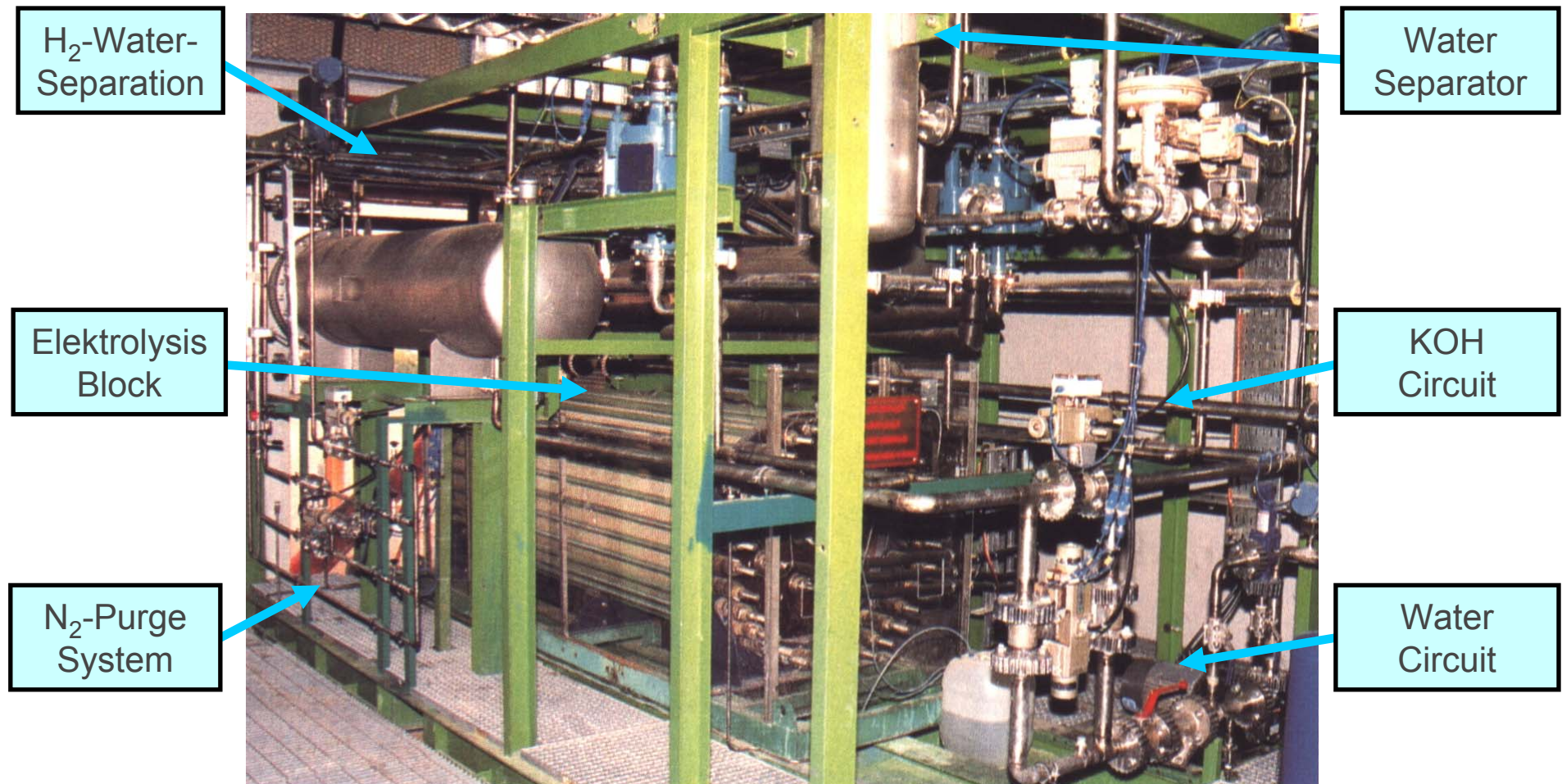
Block Diagram of the 350 kW PV-Electrolysis Plant



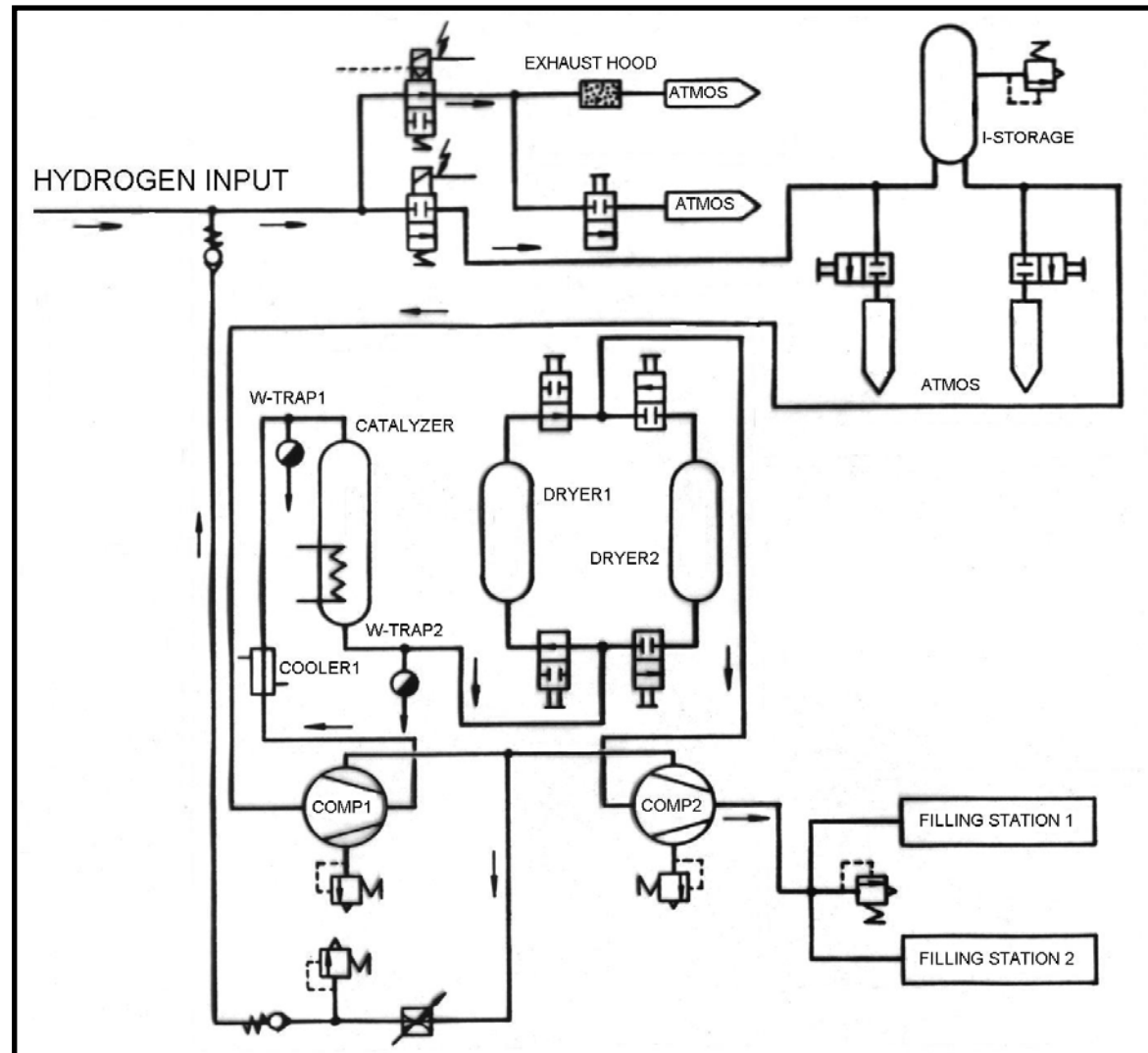
System Installation of the 350 kW_p PV-Electrolysis Facility



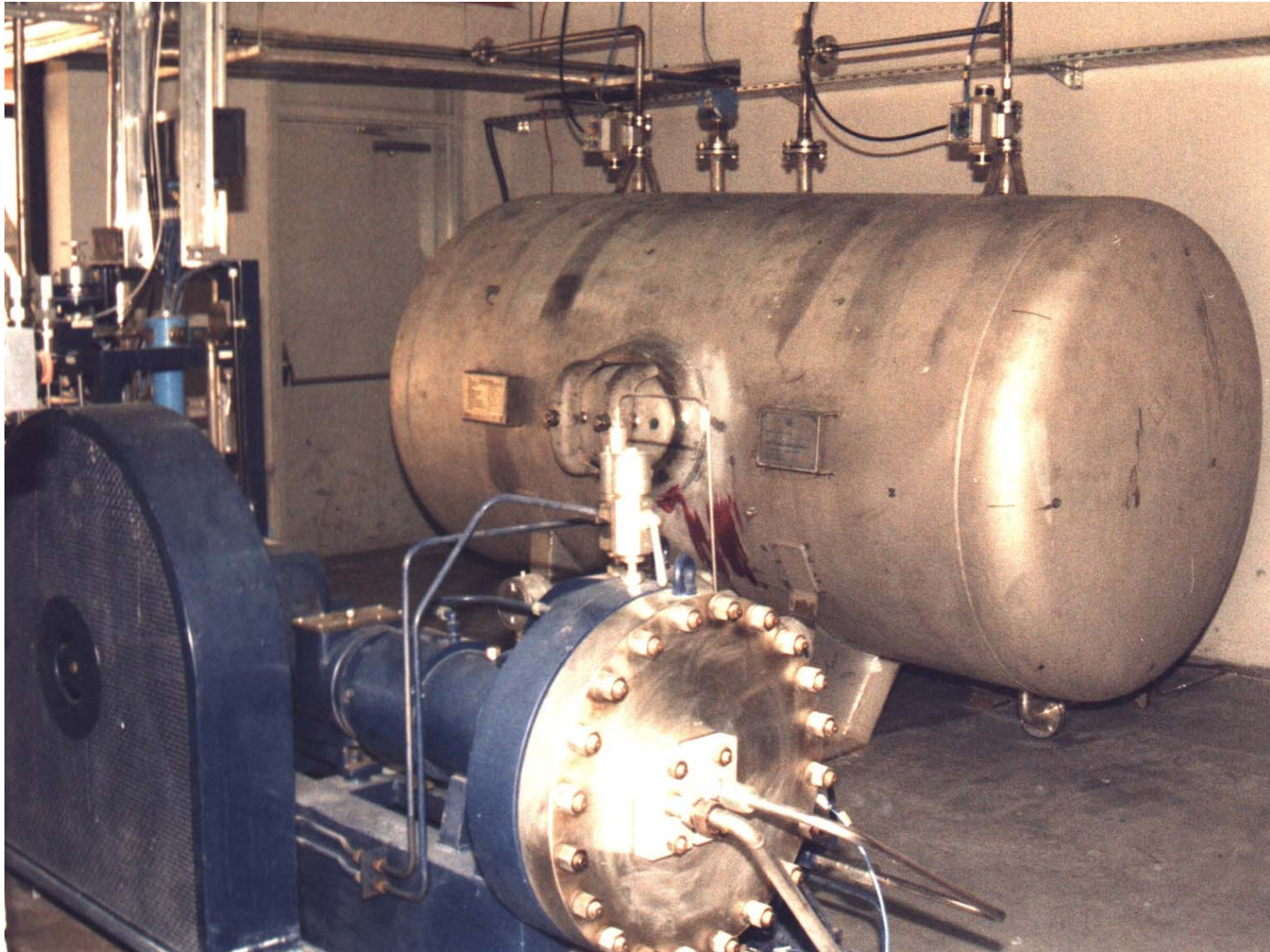
Alkaline 0,5 MW_N Pressure Electrolyser



Dynamically Operated H₂-Purification and Storage System



H₂-Purification and Storage System of the 350 kW Facility



Intermediate
Storage
40 Nm³ Content
at 9 bar_{abs}

Purification
System
from Quality
99.9 to 99.999

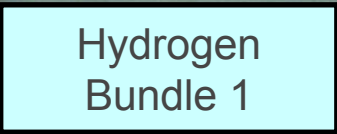
Hydrogen
Compressor
65 Nm³ from
9 to 151 bar_{abs}



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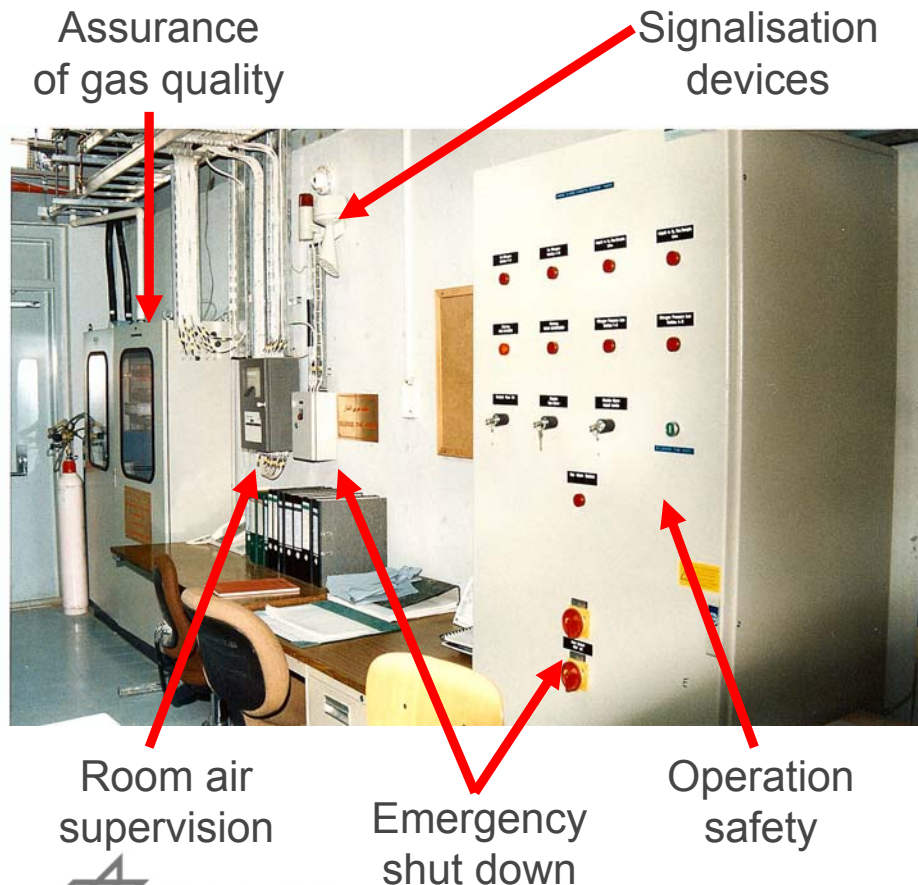
Dynamic electrolysis operation is safe with actual technological state of the art and can be approved regularly

Safety technology can be standardised

for all kinds and power levels of electrolysis plant

HYS 10 & HYS 350

Operating permission for production and delivery of solar hydrogen



Room air supervision

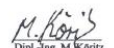


Emergency shut down

Operation safety



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Provisional Acceptance Certificate HYSOLAR 350	
Operator:	King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (K.A.C.S.T.) Prince Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Street Riyadh 11442 / Kingdom of Saudi-Arabia
Site of plant:	Hysolar 350 in Solar Village Riyadh 11442 / K.S.A.
Engineering by:	German Aerospace Research Establishment Linder Höhe 5000 Cologne 90 / Germany
Process:	Solar-powered electrolysis on water producing and bottling hydrogen
Inspected by:	Dipl.-Ing. Michael Köritz / Dipl.-Ing. Peter Kardel TUV Südwestdeutschland e.V. Establishment Stuttgart Dpt. for steam and pressure technology / Dpt. for electro technology 70794 Filderstadt / Germany
Inspection-list:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Preliminary examination of hydrogen storage vessel before reconstructionConstruction and pressure test of gas-demistors for hydrogen and oxygenConstruction and pressure test of gas separators for hydrogen and oxygenChemical analysis of hydrogen storage vessel material samplePressure test of pipings for electrolyte, oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogenMeasurements upon out-of-rounds of hydrogen storage vesselsDye penetrant check upon stress cracks of hydrogen storage vesselConstruction and pressure test of hydrogen storage vesselMeasurements upon out-of-rounds of gas separator for hydrogenInterpretation of x-ray films of pipe- and vessel-weldsConstruction test of pipingsInspection of safety facilities (mechanical aspects)Inspection of explosion-safe equipmentExamination of lightning protection and groundingExamination upon conformity of electrical equipment and installation to specificationsInspection of safety facilities (electrical aspects)
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Improvement potentials

- ▶ **EFFICIENCY** Improved materials für membranes and cell frames
- ▶ **COSTS** Simplification of system peripherals
- ▶ **OPERATING RANGE** Increase of product gas quality in dynamic operation
- ▶ **OPERATING RANGE** Improvement of tolerance to user lower water qualities
- ▶ **AUTONOMITY** Grid autonomy of the entire system
- ▶ **OPERATING COSTS** Automation of dynamic operation
- ▶ **AVAILABILITY** Industrialisation of development results

What is left to be done? A LOT!!!

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